(b) action being taken to impress upon such States to implement the 85th Amendment;

(c) reasons for not issuing notification to Uttaranchal Government on the lines of Uttar Pradesh Government; and

(d) whether Government of India would issue any special instruction to Uttaranchal Government for implementing this amendment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIHARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) The 85th Amendment of the Constitution was enacted to provide for consequential seniority to SC/ST employees on their promotion to higher post/grade by rule of reservation. The amendment applies to State Governments also and no separate directions are to be issued by the Central Government to the State Governments. The Central Government does not have any data regarding implementation of the 85th Amendment by the States.

Vacant posts in different Ministries

†4900. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts of employees of various categories in different Ministries are lying vacant since long;

(b) if so, the Ministry-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to fill these vacant posts during the current year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The information regarding the number of posts lying vacant in different Ministries is not Centrally maintained as they are maintained by the respective Ministries/ Departments.

(c) and (d) Respective Ministries/ Departments initiate steps, from time to time, for filling up vacancies, within the framework of existing instructions/ ' rules.

Allocation of Excess employees of Chhattisgarh/Madhy a Pradesh

4901. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government are aware about the facts of excess final allocation made wrongly by Government in respect of State Government employees of Chhattisgarh/Madhya Pradesh though Government have its own guidelines;

(b) if so, how many cases are alike; and

(c) why Government are not reviewing such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIHARIN PATHAK): (a) and (d) Based on the recommendations of the State Advisory Committee, 219 persons, whose option for Chhattisgarh was in excess of filled and vacant posts in the cadre and who had submitted representations before the State Advisory Committee for allocation to Chhattisgarh on the basis of their option, were finally allocated by the Central Government against the overall requirement of the successor State of Chhattisgarh.

(c) Does not arise.

Financial losses due to holidays

†4902. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial loss caused to Government as a consequence of holidays falling every year stating the loss to be caused by one holiday;

(b) the number of holidays in the year 2003 and the loss likely to be caused by these holidays; and

(c) whether Government propose to curtail the number of holidays falling every year with a view to minimizing the increasing loss to exchequer and strengthen the economic condition; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THEMINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Holidays/ working hours, in different organizations are fixed keeping in view the status of the organization and its functional requirements, and therefore vary accordingly. Man power requirements for any organization are worked out keeping in view various factors like holidays, leave entitlement, training reserve, leave reserve etc. Since holidays are already factored into the manpower requirements, there is no financial loss, to the Government due to holidays.

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